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Everybody's INVITED

Come to the PATIO - DECEMBER 24th at 11 o'clock
and JOIN IN THE PROGRAM WITH

Master of Ceremonies (Arthur B. Thatcher)

O Come All Ye Faithful (Group)

"Christmas - 1943" -- Grover B. Vill

Up on the Housetop (Group)

Chorus

Susani (Traditional - 1625)

Lullaby on Christmas Eve (Christiansen)

(Soprano Solo by Miss Donne Moore)

"From Heaven Above" (Traditional - 1539)

(Alto Solo by Mrs. Norma Penneberry)

Little Town of Bethlehem (Group)

Joy to the World (Group)

All Through the Night

(Harp Solo by Miss Ann O'Brien)

The First Noel (Group)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Group)

"Christmas in a Foxhole" (Short play by

Harry Kabat and Jack Selby)

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Group)

Away in a Manger (Group)

Jingle Bells (Group)

(Songs will be accompanied by the
Department of Agriculture Orchestra)

MAS AT THE USO

THE USO ORGANIZATION AT 181½ N ST., HAS ANNOUNCED ITS RATHER EXTENSIVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, TO WHICH IT INVITES ALL YOU GOVERNMENT WORKERS. YOU ARE WELCOME TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES.

DEC. 21 ..DECORATING THE TREES AND HOUSE 8 P.M.

DEC. 24 ..GROUPS LEAVING FOR MID-NIGHT SERVICES..... 10 P.M.

DEC. 25 ..CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST 1:30 - 3 A.M.

(PLEASE CALL IN RESERVATIONS NOT LATER THAN THE 21ST) DISTRIBUTION OF GIFTS AFTER BREAKFAST. EACH PERSON IS ASKED TO BRING A 10¢ GIFT FOR SANTA'S PACK.

CHRISTMAS BUFFET SUPPER.. 5 - 8 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DANCE... 9-12 P.M.

DEC. 26 ..TEA DANCE 7-10 P.M. (RESERVATIONS FOR THE DANCES MUST BE MADE IN PERSON ON DECEMBER 21)

DEC. 31 ..NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. 9-1 A.M.

JAN. 1 ..OPEN HOUSE 4 - 8 P.M. DANCE 9 - 12 P.M.

JAN. 2 ..SOPPER DANCE..... 7 - 10 P.M. (RESERVATIONS FOR THE DANCES MUST BE MADE IN PERSON ON DECEMBER 28)

MOTION PICTURES FOR YOU

THE FILMS PRESENTED BY THE GRADUATE SCHOOL AND OFFICE OF INFORMATION ARE GETTING TO BE QUITE AN OCCASION AROUND HERE. A LOT OF OUR EMPLOYEES ARE BRINGING THEIR FAMILIES TO SEE THE SHOWS, WHICH IS JUST WHAT IS WANTED BY THE PRODUCERS. WITH THIS THOUGHT IN MIND THE PROGRAM FOR WED. DECEMBER 22 HAS BEEN PLANNED WITH AN EYE FOR COLOR. THE PROGRAM WILL CONSIST OF TWO DISNEY FILMS, GRAN THAT BUILT THE HEMISPHERE AND WINGED SCOURGE. THE OTHER FILM WILL BE A COLORED ONE, OUR NEIGHBORS DOWN THE ROAD.

THE FILM WILL BE SHOWN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT 5:15 P.M. IN THE DEPARTMENT AUDITORIUM. NO TICKETS ARE REQUIRED, YOU CAN BUY ANOTHER CHRISTMAS WITH THE MONEY. BESIDES,

AT A NICE PROGRAM IT WILL MAKE

IGHT BEFORE THE NIGHT, BEFORE

CHRISTMAS.

SERVICE FLAG CEREMONY

THE SERVICE FLAG DEDICATED TO THE 12,792 EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NOW SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES WAS UNVEILED IN AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 8 AT 2:00 P.M. CONDUCTED BY AGRICULTURE POST NO. 36 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, THE CEREMONY AS ATTENDED BY SECRETARY WICKARD AND WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATOR JONES, PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER FRED FRAZIER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HILL. ALL SPOKE TO THE AUDIENCE EXCEPT THE SECRETARY WHO WAS SUFFERING FROM A SEVERE COLD.

COMMANDER N. A. PAGNOTTA, WHO PRESIDED AT THE CEREMONY, UNVEILED THE FLAG. MUSIC FOR THE OCCASION WAS PROVIDED BY THE U. S. NAVY SCHOOL OF MUSIC ORCHESTRA, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CHIEF MUSICIAN WEBER. IN ADDITION TO THE LEGION GUARD, THERE WERE FOUR REPRESENTATIVES EACH OF THE WACS, WAVES, MARINES, AND SPARS.

AT THE END OF THE SERVICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY HILL PRESENTED THE HONOR ROLL OF BLOOD DONORS, A LIST OF PEOPLE IN THE DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED A GALLON OF BLOOD TO THE BLOOD PLASMA BANK.

ART SHOW

THIS SPACE IS IN HONOR OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S ART EXHIBIT AND MADE IT SUCH A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. TO EVERYONE WHO HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SHOW - PLANNERS, DISPLAYERS, AND ARTISTS, WE SEND AN INTERESTED THANKS. WE LIKED THE SHOW.

WELFARE ASSOCIATION

AT CHRISTMAS TIME WE ALL FEEL LIKE HELPING SOMEONE, BUT TO ONE ORGANIZATION IN THE DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS IS NO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER SEASON. IT HELPS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EMPLOYEES ALL THE TIME. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION RUNS THE CAFETERIA, PROVIDES A LOAN SERVICE, AND AIDS MANY ORGANIZATIONS HERE. PROBABLY ONE THING THAT IS NOT KNOWN IS THAT THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION FURNISHES THE PAPER ON WHICH THE EMPLOYEE'S NEWS BULLETIN IS PRINTED.

THANKS ARE DUE TO THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION FOR AN IMPORTANT SERVICE.

NOTES ABOUT

LISTEN MY CHILDREN, AND YOU SHALL HEAR OF VARIOUS THINGS GIVEN TO CHEER YOU UP IN THIS YULETIDE SEASON. IT WON'T BE SO BAD STAYING IN WASHINGTON CHRISTMAS. HONEST. THERE ARE ENOUGH THINGS GOING ON AROUND HERETO MAKE ANYBODY FORGET ABOUT GOING HOME. TAKE THE DISPLAY OF POINSETTAS AT THE BOTANIC GARDENS FOR INSTANCE. WE DON'T MEAN TO KEEP HARPING ON FLOWERS, BUT AFTER ALL, POINSETTAS ARE THE CHRISTMAS BLOSSOMS. THE SHOW WILL BE HELD UNTIL DECEMBER 31.....NEARLY EVERY CHURCH WILL HAVE SOME KIND OF SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE WORTH ATTENDING. ON DECEMBER 24 THERE WILL BE MID-NIGHT MASS AT THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY, WHICH IS REPORTED TO BE ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SERVICES IN THE COUNTRY. AND THE WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL WILL HOLD ITS NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE ON DECEMBER 31 AT 11:15 P.M.....THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE Y.W.C.A. TONIGHT AT 9 P.M..... SPEAKING OF PARTYS, DON'T FORGET THE DEPARTMENT'S OWN CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 24. EVERYBODY'S GOING TO BE THERE.

FUN!!!

THE CARTOGRAPHIC DIVISION OF THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE IN BELTSVILLE HAS A REAL PARTY ON THE CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 24. FORGETTING MAPS ON PAPER FOR AWHILE, THE CARTOGRAPHERS ARE GOING TO TRACE SOME ROUTES ON THE DANCE FLOOR TO THE STRAINS OF AN HONEST TO GOODNESS ORCHESTRA. THE DIVISION HAS BEEN COMBED FOR HOME TALENT, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE A RATHER IMPRESSIVE PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED, INCLUDING SONGS BY THE WHOLE GROUP, QUARTETTES, A SANTA CLAUS, AND LOTS OF OTHER SUNDRY ITMS. TO BE HELD AT THE LOG CABIN, THE PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SHADE OF CHRISTMAS TREES, GREEN BOUGHS, AND COLORED LIGHTS. EVERYBODY IS TO BRING A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO BE USED FOR A GRAB BAG EFFECT. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU, DEAR MEMBERS OF THE CARTOGRAPHIC DIVISION. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ONE.